

CLAIMS

1. A method of indexing a machine or the like in position on the ground, the machine having a leg with a hollow bushing (4; 104) for adjusting its level, which bushing
5 is screwed to the machine and bears without sliding on a soleplate (2; 102) in contact with the ground, the soleplate including an orifice (6; 106) opening out into the bushing, the method comprising the steps of positioning the machine on the ground, of drilling a hole
10 (112) in the ground in line with the orifice (106) in the soleplate (102) using a drilling tool passing along the bushing (4; 104) and through the orifice (6; 106) in the soleplate, and of fitting in the hole a positioning member (107) that co-operates with the orifice (6; 106)
15 in the soleplate in order to index its position on the ground.
2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that it includes the step of fastening the positioning member
20 (107) in the hole (112) in the ground.
3. A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the fastening step consists in embedding the positioning member (107) in the ground.
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4. A machine leg for implementing the method of claim 1, the leg being characterized in that it comprises a hollow bushing (104) with a soleplate-forming bottom (102), the bottom including an orifice (106) for co-operating with a
30 positioning member projecting from the ground.
5. A machine leg according to claim 4, characterized in that the bottom (103) is made integrally with the bushing (104).
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6. A machine leg according to claim 4, characterized in that the positioning member (107) is secured to the

ground and has a threaded free end for receiving a nut (108) for anchoring the bushing (104), the nut bearing against an inside face of the bottom of the bushing (104).